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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE

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SUBJECT: EA'S PLAN FOR UNGA

REF: A) STATE 212969 B) KUALA LUMPUR 7904

1. WE WELCOME THE POSSIBILITY OF AN ALL-ASEAN FUNCTION OR GATHERING HOSTED BY THE SECRETARY AT THE UNGA, AS DESCRIBED PARA 2 REF A, AS A MEANS OF HELPING MAINTAIN THE POSITIVE MOMENTUM OF THE RECENT WASHINGTON DISCUSSIONS. WE ALSO AGREE SUCH A MEETING COULD REPLACE SEPARATE BILATERALS FOR ASEAN MINISTERS. AT PRESENT WE SEE NO BILATERAL MATTERS THAT WARRANT SUCH HIGH-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS WITH MALAYSIAN FOREIGN MINISTER RITHAUDDEEN ALONE. HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE TO URGE THAT THE SECRETARY MEET WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER MAHATHIR APART FROM THE UNGA CONSULTATIONS, AS RECOMMENDED REF B.

2. RE TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION, WE SUGGEST A) A REVIEW OF THE REFUGEE PROBLEM, INCLUDING ANY RESULTS FROM THE UNHCR "BRIEFING" HERE IN KUALA LUMPUR ON SEPTEMBER 20 (REPORTED SEPARATELY),

AND ANY FURTHER USG ACTIONS IN TRAIN SUCH AS ADDITIONAL CONDITIONAL ENTRY NUMBERS FOR BOAT CASES OR SUBMISSION OF LEGISLATION FOR A PERMANENT REFUGEE PROGRAM; B) THE STATUS OF US-SRV RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IF THERE ARE ANY
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DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SRV AT THE UNGA; AND C) REVIEW AS APPROPRIATE OF ASEAN-US DIALOGUE FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS. IN CONNECTION WITH SRV DEVELOPMENTS, AT LEAST SOME OF THE ASEAN REPRESENTATIVES SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO BRIEF ON PHAN VAN DONG'S VISIT, PROJECTED FOR SOME ASEAN CAPITALS JUST PRIOR TO THE UNGA.
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